



**World Meeting of Popular Movements
U.S. Regional Meeting**

February 16-19, 2017
Modesto, California

Agenda

Thursday, February 16

3:00 – 5:00	Registration	
5:00	Dinner	
6:00	Welcome	Bishop Stephen Blaire, Diocese of Stockton & Pastor Trena Turner, Faith in the Valley
	Why we are	Grassroots Leaders
	Keynote Address	Cardinal Peter Turkson, Prefect Dicastery for Integral Human Development
	World Meeting of Popular Movements & the U.S. Context	
	- Juan Grabois, Confederación de Trabajadores de la Economía Popular	
	- Joseph Tomás Mckellar, PICO National Network	
	- Lorena Melgarejo, Archdiocese of San Francisco & Faith in Action Bay Area	
	- Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archdiocese of Newark (via video)	
7:30	Meet in Small Groups	
8:30	Conclusion	

Friday, February 17

7:00 – 8:30	Breakfast
8:30	Plenary Panel on Racism

- Dr John a. powell, Haas Institute for a Fair & Inclusive Society, UC Berkeley
- Bishop Shelton Fabre, Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux
- Pastor Traci Blackmon, Executive Minister, United Church of Christ
- Jose Arrellano, Homeboy Industries, Los Angeles, CA
- Arthur McFarland, Charleston Area Justice Ministry, Charleston, SC

10:00 Coffee Break

10:15 Small Group Discussion

11:45 Lunch

1:00 Report from Small Groups

1:30 Plenary Panel on **Migration**

- Fr. Michael Czerny, S.J, Under-Secretary, Section for Migrants & Refugees, Vatican Dicastery for Integral Human Development
- Archbishop José Horacio Gómez, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Andrea Cristina Mercado, National Domestic Workers Alliance
- Zahra Billoo, Council on American-Islamic Relations, San Francisco, CA

3:00 Coffee Break

3:15 Small Group Discussion

5:00 Dinner

6:30 Report from Small Groups

7:15 Organizing in the Central Valley

- Marshall Ganz, Harvard Kennedy School
- Local leaders from the Central Valley

8:30 Conclusion

Saturday, February 18

7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast

8:30 Plenary Panel on **Work & Housing**

- Dr. Steven Pitts, Center for Labor Research and Education, UC Berkeley
- Diane Yentel, National Low-Income Housing Coalition, Washington, DC
- Bishop Robert McElroy, Diocese of San Diego
- Bleu Rainer, Fight for \$15/SEIU, Tampa, FL
- Lucas Benitez, Coalition of Immokalee Workers, FL
- Jennifer Martinez, Faith in Action Bay Area, CA
- Cathy Levine, BREAD, Columbus, OH

10:00	Coffee Break
10:15	Small Group Discussion
11:45	Lunch
1:00	Report from Small Groups
1:30	Plenary Panel on Land & the Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Juan Flores, Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment, Delano, CA - Bishop Oscar Cantú, Diocese of Las Cruces - Nayyirah Shariff, Flint Democracy Defense League, Flint, MI - Thomas Joseph, II, True North Organizing Network, Bayside, CA - Maria Perez, ARISE – A Resource in Serving Equality, Alamo, TX - Micaela Aizawa, Chuukese Community of the Big Island, Honolulu, HI & Bob Agres, Hawai'i Alliance for Community Based Economic Development
3:00	Coffee Break
3:15	Small Group Discussion
5:00	Dinner
6:30	Report from Small Groups
7:15	Procession & Mass at St. Stanislaus Church
8:30	Conclusion

Sunday, February 19

7:00 – 8:00*	Breakfast
8:00	Synthesis of our Dialogue
8:30	Message from Pope Francis (via letter)
9:00	Next Steps & Commitments
9:45	Closing Ceremony
10:00	Conclusion

**Please note that on Sunday breakfast will end, and the plenary session will begin, at 8:00 am*

The Organizing Committee for this encounter has involved representatives from the following organizations:

Direct Action & Research Training Center (DART)
Gamaliel Foundation
Homeboy Industries
Interfaith Worker Justice (IWJ)
Jesuit Ministries of the Jesuit Conference of Canada & the United States
National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA)
PICO National Network – People Improving Communities through Organizing
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
US Federation of Worker Cooperatives

Advisory Committee:

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